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outlays by the Treasury to finance their redemption, unless we can find a way to persuade the public to continue to hold on to them and to purchase new bonds as an investment and as a patriotic duty in support of our national-defense program.

Besides these two reasons for holding on to defense bonds—investment and patriotic duty—there is a third and no less important reason: Its value in helping to curb inflation. Retention and the continued purchase of bonds helps to draw off excess consumer purchasing power, thereby limiting the impact of inflation on our national economy.

For these reasons, I am introducing a bill to exempt from income taxation all interest received by individuals from United States savings bonds. I believe that some inducement should be given to those who are desirous of holding on to their bonds. I believe also that we should offer a good incentive to our people to continue to buy more bonds. I think it is unfair, under the circumstances, for a tax to be paid by patriotic citizens who voluntarily supported the war effort in the past, and who are now similarly aiding the defense effort and are helping to curb inflation. Passage of this bill would unquestionably help to reverse the current trend and result in new and unprecedented sales of defense bonds.

Report of Subversive Activities by Legion of Illinois Commission

EXTENSION OF REMARKS OF

HON. CLYDE DOYLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 1951

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, and my colleagues, under unanimous consent heretofore granted, I submit for the information of every Member of this Congress a report of subversive activities made by the Americanism Commission of the American Legion, Department of Illinois.

Having been a member of the Select Lobby Committee of the Eighty-first Congress and a member of the Un-American Activities Committee of this Eighty-second Congress has perhaps made me more aware of some of the intolerances, prejudices, and rank injustices perpetrated against people on account of their race, creed, color, or religious beliefs.

Mr. Speaker, throughout the history of the American Legion, its membership has vigorously fought against the precepts of totalitarianism by the Communists, Fascists, or any other totalitarians.

In its national convention in Miami in 1948, the American Legion there adopted two resolutions known as Resolutions 264 and 621. Before you note the report of subversive activities by the Department of Illinois, American Legion,

1950, I wish to have you note the Resolution 621 by the national convention of the Legion at Miami in 1948. It said:

Resolution 621

Whereas it has been the policy of the American Legion, as part of its Americanism program, to condemn and oppose all forms of subversive activities, whether they be manifested by an appeal to racial hatreds and prejudices or by attempts to divide this Nation into industrial strife by agitating and fomenting trouble between capital and labor and economic group against economic group; and

Whereas communism is an ideology, a state of mind, a bundle of emotion, which has skillfully organized and developed, with many secret and conspiratorial aspects, to serve where required as a fifth column for the Government of Soviet Russia; and

Whereas many Communists, Communist sympathizers, and their fellow travelers are reliably reported to have secured employment in confidential and key positions in public office, political and labor organizations, and particularly in the teaching profession in our schools and colleges; and

Whereas subversive organizations and individuals are continuing their vicious campaigns of propaganda to disunite and divide the American people, setting class against class, race against race, and creed against creed; and

Whereas these un-American forces are disrupting national unity in these critical post-war years, when victory on the home front and peace in the world are as important as was victory on the battle front; and

Whereas some form of legitimate democratic action is necessary as a defense against Communist betrayal of our form of government and to insure the safety and security of our Nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the American Legion in national convention assembled, That we call upon the people of our Nation to oppose this threat to American unity and urge our fellow citizens of all races, colors, and creeds to demonstrate that same spirit of cooperation that was evidenced by our Armed Forces on the battle fronts in our fight against aggression, bigotry, and intolerance, and fight every attempt of these un-American forces to destroy the fundamental principles of life, liberty, justice, and freedom guaranteed by our Constitution.

Having read said Resolution 621, I call your attention to the fact that my membership on the Un-American Activities Committee in this Congress challenges not only me but every member of that committee to perform official duties under Public Law 601 of the Seventy-ninth Congress, the text of which follows:

The Committee on Un-American Activities, as a whole or by subcommittee, is authorized to make from time to time investigations of (i) the extent, character, and objects of un-American propaganda activities in the United States; (ii) the diffusion within the United States of subversive and un-American propaganda that is instigated from foreign countries or of a domestic origin and attacks the principle of the form of government as guaranteed by our Constitution; and (iii) all other questions in relation thereto that would aid Congress in any necessary remedial legislation.

Because subdivision 2, hereinabove stated, charged the committee with investigating "subversive and un-American propaganda," I was naturally interested to find out how Mr. Webster defined

the word "subvert." I quote his definition:

To overturn; overthrow; ruin utterly. To undermine the morals, allegiance, or faith of; corrupt.

You will see, therefore, that the challenge of the Un-American Activities Committee enters into the field of the very foundation of this generation, past generations, and future generations.

Recently a witness before our committee, who had been an agent of the FBI for several years, during which time he was definitely assigned to become a member of the Communist Party of America as an "undercover agent," testified before us that a Communist in America with whom he was personally familiar in the cell meeting openly discussed the matter of how and where they could obtain firearms which they would bear against the United States in time of anticipated revolt against our constitutional form of government. If this is not subversive misconduct, what is it? If this is not preparing and planning to overthrow the American Government by force of arms, then what is it?

At the Thirty-second Annual National Convention of the American Legion at Los Angeles, Calif., October 9, 10, 11, 12, 1950, Resolution No. 404, entitled "Program To Alert Our Citizens To Need for Tolerance and Unity," was adopted. Therefore, the following report of subversive activities by the Department of Illinois, American Legion, becomes very timely and appropriate. It follows:

REPORT ON SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES, AMERICANISM COMMISSION, DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS, AMERICAN LEGION, 1949-1950

In the course of the past 30 years, the Department of Illinois and the American Legion nationally have sought without surcease through their many programs, and in particular the Americanism program, to call attention to the threat and danger of communism. We have successfully alerted the American people to this peril. Also in our midst are those hatemongers who wittingly or unwittingly nullify by their preachment and actions the moral, mental and physical development of our Nation. We, as an organization, have been quick to oppose subversive forces whether coming from the extreme right or from the extreme left. During the last few years, in our National Legion monthly publication, "Trends and Developments," the Legion has undertaken vigorous efforts to counteract Communist activities in the United States, and at times has pointed out the dangers of activities of those of the extreme right. The report submitted here calls attention again specifically, to a number of the individuals and organizations which continue to create unrest in our community by using totalitarian propagandic techniques against segments of our population. We, of the Legion are very well aware that even today there are too many among us, fanatics, professional hate peddlers, and last but not least, misguided folk who make it their prime object in life to pit race against race, creed against creed, and class against class. The boys now dying in Korea have no tag mark of race, creed or class. The Protestant, Catholic, Jew or Colored are dying—are fighting, side by side. Hence, if our mandates on this subject are to be given the force and effect which we seek to create by their adoption, it becomes necessary

to wage a relentless and continuing fight against such inequities and dangers to our Nation's welfare, coming as they do from within our borders as well as from without. The 3,500,000 Legionnaires must meet in the open this growing danger which comes from those purveyors of bigotry and hate.

Hence, the purpose of this report is to keep before the Illinois membership the long-time stand against intolerance adopted first in 1939, national convention, Resolution No. 395 (Americanism report), and at the national convention in Boston, Mass., in 1940, followed subsequently in 1941 at the national convention in Milwaukee, Wis., and thereafter reaffirmed in every convention, including the national convention at Philadelphia, Pa., 1949.

Resolution No. 395, condemnation of subversive propaganda, 1939 National Convention:

"Whereas, at the present time subversive propaganda of racial, religious and class hatred, emanating from alien sources, is being circulated within the United States for the purpose of fomenting internal strife and dissension, destroying the unity and morale of our citizenry, and thereby sapping the very foundations of our Nation and with an effort to upset peacetime security and wartime national defense: Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the American Legion, in its Twenty-first National Convention, does hereby condemn all propaganda disseminated by any person, publication or organization, for the purpose of fomenting hatred against any group of American citizens on account of race, class, or creed, and proclaims the same as destructive to the foundation of our Nation, as inimical to the welfare and defense of this Nation; and be it further

"Resolved, That every member of the American Legion shall endeavor, by all means within his power, in the several localities from whence they come, to foster and promote every sound measure designed to strengthen understanding, tolerance and co-operation among our citizens of various religious, racial and nationality backgrounds."

Resolution No. 559, Thirty-first National Convention of the American Legion at Philadelphia, Pa., August and September 1949:

"Whereas the fundamental law of our country guarantees to all peoples equal rights and equal opportunities and the right to worship their God as they see fit; and

"Whereas it is provided that our laws shall be made and enforced by representatives of our people chosen under the law to do so; and

"Whereas, membership of the American Legion is made up of those who served our country in time of great national stress, without distinction as to race, color, creed or class: Be it

"Resolved, that the American Legion assembled in national convention in Philadelphia, Pa., August 29, 30, 31 and September 1, 1949, consider any individual group or individuals or organizations which create or foster racial, religious, or class strife among our people, or which take into their own hands the enforcement of law, determination of guilt or infliction of punishment to be un-American, a menace to our liberties and destructive to our fundamental law; and be it further

"Resolved, That we consider such action by any individual groups or organizations to be inconsistent with the ideals and purposes of the American Legion."

If we act upon these resolutions as we must, then the problem of intolerance will be substantially cleared up and resolved.

In setting forth this report we are asking every legionnaire in Illinois to recognize the

need of doing something individually and collectively to stamp out this scourge of prejudice and intolerance.

The Department of Illinois invites you to study this report carefully and well, believing firmly that this subject is of the utmost importance to the unity and well-being of every American who believes in maintaining America American.

GERALD L. K. SMITH, ST. LOUIS, MO., CHRISTIAN NATIONALIST CRUSADE, PATRIOTIC TRACT SOCIETY

In each of our previous reports, considerable attention has been given to publishing and setting forth the un-American activities of Gerald L. K. Smith. For many years, Smith has been successful in securing substantial sums of money from gullible Americans. We again wish to alert all of our members and their families to the continued threat to American unity that Smith and his followers present. Continuing his 1950 campaign, both in his literature and public appearances, he has reached a degree of hostility unparalleled in the past. Space does not permit quotations to support our position. Nevertheless, we state without fear of contradiction that all for which Gerald L. K. Smith stands is contrary to the spirit of the preamble of the American Legion.

GEORGE W. ARMSTRONG, FORT WORTH, TEX., THE JUDGE ARMSTRONG FOUNDATION

These are the words of George W. Armstrong, published on January 30, 1950:

"I am superior by blood and inheritance to any and every man of African and Asiatic ancestry. The Anglo-Saxon race is superior to every other race. We are God's chosen people. We have created this Christian civilization which we enjoy and have created this Christian government without the help of Jews or Negroes. If that is bigotry, then I am a bigot, but I regard it as pride of blood and ancestry."

Criticized by the Legion in 1949, Armstrong gave added proof of his hate-mongering record when in October of 1949 he offered a huge grant of \$50,000,000 to Jefferson Military College in Mississippi on condition that it would teach the doctrine of white supremacy. When the American press revealed Armstrong's long and repulsive record of anti-Negro and anti-Semitic activities, Jefferson Military College refused his un-American offer.

THE KU KLUX KLAN

Many of our Southern States continue to suffer the outrageous activities of different Klan groups. Whether it be the Association of Georgia Klans, the Association of Carolina Klans, the Northern and Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Florida, or any other fancy title, these proponents of bigotry and prejudice, with their "grand dragons," "imperial wizards," and "emperors," must be exposed and opposed by all right-thinking Americans. An alleged campaign to promote Americanism and combat communism proves to be a fraud when evil men don robes and masks, assume the duties of police officers and judges, create terror by unlawful demonstrations and cross burnings, flog and lynch innocent victims, and attempt to divide American groups with a campaign of racial and religious antagonisms.

It is a source of encouragement to note that a growing number of southern communities have attempted to cope with this problem through the passage of legislation seeking to unmask the hooded order and prohibit cross burnings. Other communities should be encouraged to take similar steps.

For years national commanders of the Legion have cried out against this organization, and numerous convention mandates have been adopted strongly opposed to the

nefarious workings of the Klan. Our Legion posts will join with other civic-minded organizations in alerting our people to the un-American character of these hooded Klan groups.

JOSEPH BEAUHARNALS, CHICAGO, ILL., WHITE CIRCLE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, INC.

A Pied Piper has struck up a tune in Chicago. The banner he wears carries the slogan, "White Supremacy." That's what the Chicago Daily News had to say about the White Circle League of America, Inc., which boldly sprang up in Chicago in 1949. Promoted by one Joseph Beauharnals, this outfit began to circulate inflammatory and highly prejudicial literature seeking to "wake the white population of Chicago." Denounced by a municipal court judge as "a racket for financial gain," this group in Chicago sought members at a dollar a head. Although plainly a racket, a number of people have contributed to the race-baiting program of this hate organization. Brought into court in May of 1950, Beauharnals was fined \$200 for circulating defamatory literature.

Thereafter, the attorney general of Illinois filed a proceeding to dissolve this group as an Illinois corporation. On June 29, the Circuit Court of Cook County ruled that the corporate charter be revoked. Quick to act, legionnaires in Chicago and in Illinois contributed to the exposing of this organization.

MERWIN K. HART, NEW YORK CITY, NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL

Last year in our report, we presented Merwin K. Hart, of the National Economic Council, as a hate propagandist. Hart's group had been denounced earlier by "America," nationally known periodical, in the following fashion:

"Those who reason in the manner of the National Economic Council are, whether they know it or not, selling out to the Communist Party."

In February 1950, Plain Talk, well-known for its vigorous opposition to communism, saw fit to publish the following about Hart:

"The role played by Mr. Hart, founder and president of the National Economic Council, Inc., may be justly described as that of a Trojan horse . . . Mr. Hart brings to the noble cause of freedom the disease-carrying elements of hate and civil strife. He unwittingly serves the common enemy and furthers the divisive and wrecking operations of Stalin's fifth column."

Hart injects anti-semitism into his newsletters which speak for themselves on this point by hammering against a so-called Zionist menace and a plot to destroy the Christian religion. Discussing this issue in his Economic Council Letter, of December 15, 1949, Hart states:

"For these Zionists, descendants—some of them—of David's compatriots, having enjoyed the fat of the fairest land on earth, are today conspiring to take everything into their own hands. They are pursuing a policy, nationally and internationally, that threatens the traditional religion and the way of life of all America.

"And as Americans awaken to what is happening, they will arise and say to the Zionist, 'Thou are the man.' For because of their overbearing greed and their recent and present willingness to involve this country in every kind of evil, they are the No. 1 enemy of American liberty and the Christian church. They are the outstanding cause of the dire troubles facing Americans today."

As this report is being prepared, Hart is being questioned by the Select Committee on Lobbying Activities of the United States House of Representatives as to his lobbying techniques and methods of raising funds.

JOSEPH P. KAMP, NEW YORK CITY, CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE

In our report last year we expressed our views relative to Mr. Kamp and his organization. On June 15, 1950, the chairman of the Select Committee on Lobbying Activities of the House of Representatives, Representative FRANK BUCHANAN, of Pennsylvania, referred to Joseph P. Kamp, of the Constitutional Educational League, as one of the leaders of a very vicious hate lobby, and described Kamp as the author of rather scurrilous literature.

On June 16, 1950, Kamp started to serve a sentence of 4 months in jail for having refused to reveal the names of his contributors to a House committee investigating campaign expenditures in 1944.

Since 1937 Kamp has been the executive vice chairman of the Constitutional Educational League, whose main activity is pamphleteering. In his accusations of Communist infiltration, Kamp has been making irresponsible charges against responsible and respected groups and individuals.

He, too, like Merwin K. Hart, is under questioning before the Select Committee on Lobbying Activities of the House of Representatives.

GERALD B. WINROD, WICHITA, KANS.

Nazism represents life, happiness, and prosperity. The Roman Catholic Church is the scarlet woman of Babylon. Mussolini is an intellectual giant. International Jewry has always furnished the financial motivation for communism.

These have been the amazing views of Gerald B. Winrod, bigoted preacher of Wichita, Kans. In operation for many years, Winrod's propaganda venture consists of a unique dissemination of religion injected with plenty of prejudice. Winrod publishes the Defender magazine, which has a claimed circulation of 77,000 copies. This is supplemented by leaflets and pamphlets, many written by Winrod, others by figures active in the hate movement.

HARVEY H. SPRINGER, ENGLEWOOD, COLO., PROTESTANT INFORMATION BUREAU

Known as Denver's cowboy preacher, Harvey Springer is one of a small number of dissident preachers who distort Christianity, spreading a campaign of hate against the Catholics and responsible groups in the Protestant Church. Pastor of the Englewood, Colo., Baptist Tabernacle, Springer has gained a substantial following in the Colorado area enabling him to engage in widespread literature distribution, radio sermons, and periodic junkets to various parts of the country. During the past year he has concentrated his propaganda efforts in a so-called campaign to Tell the Truth About the Catholics. His publication, the Western Voice, and literature and tracts distributed by his Protestant Information Bureau have charged the Catholics with every imaginable sin, supported by unfounded facts and complete distortions of religious writings. A tract, entitled "Why I Am a Protestant," charges that:

"The greatest threat in America and the loss of our liberties will not come with the red horse (communism), but it will come through Catholicism."

An examination of some of his other anti-Catholic writings, such as The Judgment of the Great Whore and The Harlot Woman on the Scarlet Beast, illustrates the extent to which this man has violated Christian ethics and principles.

WILLIAM L. BLESSING, DENVER, COLO., HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE

Far less successful than Harvey Springer, William L. Blessing is another example of the small band of preachers in America who

attempt to build up a following and prestige by a continuous and vitriolic attack against the Catholic Church, the Jewish people, and liberal leaders and organizations in our country. Blessing, who take pride in his one-time membership in the Ku Klux Klan, minces no words in his sermons and writings, in lashing out indiscriminately against all the groups he opposes. In his November 18, 1949, issue of Showers of Blessing, he warned his readers to:

"Keep on the alert and guard our Republic of the United States of America against papal fascism, Jewish communism, and every other foreign ideology."

WESLEY SWIFT, LOS ANGELES, CALIF., GREAT PYRAMID CLUB, ANGLO-SAXON CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION

According to Wesley Swift, the Catholic Church does not represent "white Christian people." On June 2, 1950, Swift exclaimed before a Los Angeles gathering:

"I am going to recommend some candidates who should be elected, for they are with us 100 percent. You may say, how come a preacher is in politics. I am not in politics, but the Catholic Church and the Jew synagogue can tell you whom to vote for, so why not me, who represents the white Christian people?"

Our legionnaires will want to know just who this Wesley Swift is. Wesley Swift modestly describes himself as "reverend" and "doctor." He is not affiliated with any of the major churches. Although at one time he claimed the connection, he never was nor is he now connected with the Methodist Church.

In California in 1945, Swift prided himself in the questionable honor of being Gerald L. K. Smith's chief bodyguard. Thereafter, Swift became an organizer for the Ku Klux Klan, an organization which the American Legion has opposed for many years. Not satisfied with the financial return in these efforts, Swift formed his own enterprises, including the Great Pyramid Club and the Anglo-Saxon Christian Congregation. Unfortunately, many well-motivated people have been duped into contributing substantial financial aid to these ventures.

ROBERT H. WILLIAMS, SANTA ANA, CALIF.

We reported last year on Mr. Williams. This year at a time when harmony in our Armed Forces is so desperately needed, Robert H. Williams goes so far as to extend his professional hate activities to a former key figure in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's European Command, Gen. Mark Clark. In his Williams Intelligence Summary, of September 1949, for example, an attempt is made to smear General Clark in the following manner:

"The world Jewish community had cause to be proud last week when one of its members, Gen. Mark Clark, was promoted from command of the Sixth Army to command of the entire Army Field Forces of this gentile republic."

Thereafter, in March of 1950, Williams contended:

"In case of war, America will suffer an absolute dictatorship. Armies are traditionally pro-gentile, but there is a tense power struggle going on for complete control of the United States military forces. It has not yet succeeded. If Jewish extremists get complete control, the worst will happen here, as it did in Russia. Millions of the more capable gentiles will be destroyed (as fascists, capitalists, anti-Semites, enemies of mankind.)"

FOREST C. SAMMONS, HUNTINGTON, W. VA., WEST VIRGINIA ANTI-SOVIET LEAGUE

A comparative newcomer in the field of hate mongering, Forest C. Sammons is a

follower of Gerald L. K. Smith and State director of Smith's Christian Nationalist Crusade, in West Virginia. Sammons delivered an un-American speech at the Christian Nationalist Crusade convention in St. Louis, in September 1949. Shortly afterward, he formed his own organization, the West Virginia Anti-Soviet League. Its primary function to date has been the dissemination of hate pamphlets which have been mailed to State governors, Congressmen, and a selected list of West Virginia professional men. One pamphlet is an Open Letter to Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson on the Cause and Cure of Communism and Anti-Semitism. Typical of its contents is the following false statement:

"Jewish political Zionists and the leaders of organized world Jewry are the Godfathers of Communism and Sovietism."

OTHER HATE PUBLICATIONS

In addition to a number of publications already mentioned, in order that our Legion posts throughout Illinois may be alerted to the names of the many publications and periodicals which promote prejudice and divide the American people, we now list in this report an additional number of others representing similar views. Although a few in this list are presently inactive, we feel that our Legionnaires should be fully advised of these facts.

America Speaks, Beacon Light Herald, William Kullgren, Atascadero, Calif.

The Broom, C. Leon deAryan, San Diego, Calif.

X-Ray, Court Asher, Muncie, Ind.
American Digest, Dewey Taft, Wichita, Kans.

Destiny, Howard B. Rand, Haverhill, Mass.
The Eleventh Hour, Lawrence Reilly, Detroit, Mich.

Bible News Flashes, William D. Hirstrom, Faribault, Minn.

Sunshine News, Luke Rader, Minneapolis, Minn.

Truth and Liberty, C. O. Stadskev, Minneapolis, Minn.

Common Sense, Conde McGinley, Union, N. J.

Dayton Independent, A. G. Silvey, Dayton, Ohio.

Ohio Pioneer, H. W. Binegar, Dayton, Ohio.
The Free Press, Syd Pierce, Redmond, Oreg.
American Commentator, Stephen Nenoff, Cedar City, Utah.

The Individualist, Guy C. Stephens, Danville, Va.

CONCLUSIONS

1. A proper evaluation of the subversive activities described in this report discloses the grave threats to the concept of the American Government and the American way of life. There are no greater dangers to American unity and welfare than the perversions of communism and fascism as manifested in open daylight in our country today. We must realize more than ever that vigilance only is the price of liberty. These sinister un-American forces, designed to divide and to disrupt America, must be met energetically everywhere, lest we pay the grim penalties of disunity and the loss of freedom.

2. The membership of the American Legion must stand strong and united against all un-American activities, communism, fascism, socialism, hate-mongering, discrimination, and traitorous propaganda.

3. Every Legionnaire charged to carry out Americanism activities finally should make it his duty to make the findings of the Legion's hate-mongering and un-American reports available to every member of the post for study and action.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Too many appointments at random of post and district Americanism chairmen are

made without consideration of the importance of this work. Our Americanism program is a live one and constantly in operation. It needs chairmen who are interested and will work.

2. Know the Americanism programs of the American Legion, National, State, and local. Our program is the source and knowledge of Americanism.

3. Do not remain silent but challenge those who attack the American system by instructing them in its principles. This means knowledge of our history, the Constitution of the United States, and Illinois, a study of present-day problems, and intelligent suggestions for their solution based on American principles and standards.

4. Keep an interest in the schools and pay them frequent visits. Service them by providing speakers, medal awards, and supporting the principal and teachers in their school activities, as well as suggesting tactfully helpful hints on their improvement.

5. Study reports on hate-mongering groups and individuals who create religious and racial issues. They create disunity and chaos in our social, political, and industrial fabric. Most of those, you will find, are individuals interested in private gain who prostitute themselves and their small abilities upon an altar of greed and avarice. Under the pretext of fighting communism or other subversive activities, they attack certain groups of our citizenry in order to give vent to their hate and their spleen, at the same time picking up a few paltry dollars, oftentimes from those whom, though they can ill afford the money, are whipped up to a state of fanaticism which blinds their reason and thinking.

The Illinois department through its Americanism Commission has made a study of these groups and individuals and has attacked their alien philosophies which they express under the guise of Americanism, but which are in truth and in fact encouraging chaos and disunity among us. They feed their hate upon the particular groups and individuals whom they dislike and seek to destroy. They are a distinct threat to the preservation of our governmental establishment and to our Republic.

Almost everyone who joins the American Legion seeks to be a good Legionnaire. There are those who carry their share of the work. However, there are those who shirk from responsibility. This number is large. Therefore, we must extend a special invitation to these comrades to take up the fight and battle for America and Americanism in relation to its fight against un-Americanisms. To those who may not know it, the American Legion has reached the pinnacles of its efforts in alerting the American people to the dangers of communism. This has taken many years, and no longer is there apathy and lethargic thinking among the American people on the dangers of communism. There were those even in our ranks who faltered, but we carried on the fight, and today, we find the Nation standing strong in its determination to rid the country of those unpatriotic and alien-minded American citizens and foreign agents who lurk in the back shadows of unrest, chaos, and treason.

Divine providence continued to be good to America by providing it with His heaping bounty. He has nurtured and guided America through its dark days. And it is He who has inspired the American Legion to carry on its Americanism work in order that an enduring peace may be obtained and that America may march forward to meet its ultimate destiny provided by His omnipotence.

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Chairman, Americanism Commission,
Department of Illinois, the
American Legion.

Sherman Helped Bring About Major Changes

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. ANGIER L. GOODWIN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 1951

Mr. GOODWIN. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks in the Record, I include a very fine article by John G. Norris in the Washington Post of July 29, 1951:

SHERMAN HELPED BRING ABOUT MAJOR CHANGES

(By John G. Norris)

Admiral Forrest P. Sherman was Chief of Naval Operations less than 21 months, but his influence on American military and foreign policy and our security was far-reaching.

Sherman's accomplishment in rebuilding the Navy from the low it had reached in the fall of 1949 is fairly well known. He won approval for the big, flushdeck aircraft carrier that had been canceled during his predecessor's regime and had the satisfaction of placing the contract for this symbol of continuing American naval power just before his death.

The veteran naval officer also could point to the fact that the Navy had reached a greater state of readiness than ever before in peacetime. Even before Korea he had managed to restore a large part of the operating forces cut out during the economy program of the year before. These two achievements were doubly important, for the loss of the super carrier and cutbacks in ships, planes, and marine combat forces had been at the root of the dissatisfaction which broke down naval morale and brought on the so-called admiral's revolt in October 1949.

HELPED RESTORE NAVY STRENGTH

Sherman boosted Navy morale in a number of ways. Taking office at a time when many naval men felt they had little future, he built up esprit de corps to a new high. It was not easy, for at the beginning Sherman was a bit suspect.

Had not the new CNO been one of the architects of unification, which too many naval officers felt was the cause of all their troubles? Couldn't he be expected to be a stooge for Pentagon chiefs, going along with further slashes in naval power?

It didn't happen that way. Moving quietly, he began winning approval bit by bit for restoration of Navy strength. Aiding him was the fact that the cards started running his way. The House Armed Services Committee submitted a report partly aiding with the Navy rebels in the October 1949 revolt, and some of those on the other side in the Pentagon privately admitted there might have been some provocation which helped bring on the mutiny. Sherman's success was due largely to his persuasive articulateness, brilliant mind, and broad background in the over-all field of military—not just naval—affairs.

SERVICE GAINED NEW CONFIDENCE

Two other things contributed to the new confidence created in the Navy: Sherman made certain that there was no retaliation against the ranking officers who were called before the House committee and cut loose with sharp criticism of Pentagon military strategy; and he led the way to a more balanced Navy.

When an attempt was made to block the promotion to rear admiral of Arleigh Burke, one of those in the "revolt," Sherman con-

vinced President Truman and Navy Secretary Francis Matthews that this would be unwise and unfair. He left Admiral Arthur W. Radford, leader of the protesting group, as Pacific Fleet commander; and made a point of consulting him frequently. Only in the case of Capt. John G. Crommelin was action taken, and everyone admitted that he had put Sherman in a spot where he had to invoke discipline.

The new CNO moved decisively to create a more balanced Navy. Many surface officers had felt there had been too much emphasis on the "big punch" of the fleet—attack carrier aviation. Under Airman Sherman, the big carriers continued important but the other two major naval missions—antisubmarine warfare and amphibious operations—received more stress.

He also drove steadily to make the Navy more mobile, cutting down the shore establishment and expanding the fleet.

INFLUENCED FOREIGN POLICY

These contributions to American military power are better known than Sherman's influence on United States foreign policy. The latter was considerable. His extensive and detailed knowledge and understanding of grand strategy, and unusual intellect affected not only leaders in the Pentagon. It extended to the State Department and White House.

More than any other man, Sherman was responsible for the reversal of American policy toward Spain. He constantly stressed the strategic importance of the Iberian peninsula, pointing out that it controlled the entrance to the Mediterranean, sat in the middle of the NATO powers and offered excellent sites for air bases.

The Pentagon view on Formosa—that we should help the Chinese Nationalists arm to assure that the island did not fall into hostile hands—likewise has prevailed during the past year. Sherman contributed to this shift in policy.

Similarly, his knowledge of geopolitics and presence in the high military command had its effect on what the United States did in Greece and Turkey, the Middle East and Western Pacific. He was a firm believer in the importance of the Mediterranean and the Western Pacific in particular—and the whole globe in general—to the future well-being of the United States. A book, "United States Life Lines," prepared under his direction in 1947, explored and outlined adequately for perhaps the first time, America's economic and military dependence on strategic materials and shipborne overseas trade.

Sherman, more than any other top military leader in recent years, introduced politico-military considerations into Pentagon high planning. It may be that it was this recognition of the problems of the diplomat which helped win Governmental approval of many Department of Defense proposals.

Yes, the ruddy-faced Navy chief will be missed at the council table.

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Mr. HOLIFIELD. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks in the